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**Box Patent Application**  
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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

Applicant: YI-JYUN LIN AND SEYMOUR BENZER

Title: METHUSELAH GENE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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— Information Disclosure Statement: Applicants call attention to documents listed on the attached Form PTO-892, 1 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Per 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of those documents are not provided herein. Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-892 with the examiner's initials.

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Request under 37 CFR 1.821(e) to transfer computer readable form of  
sequence listing.

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The prior application is assigned of record to California Institute of Technology by  
virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded  
on October 4, 1999 at 10280/0392.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120)  
of U.S. application serial no. 09/370,098, filed August 6, 1999, which claims priority  
from U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/095,826, filed August 7, 1998. The  
disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by  
reference in) the disclosure of this application.

This application presents claims corresponding to non-elected claims 16-18 and 48-52  
from the parent case. This application is entitled to small entity status, established in  
a prior application and still proper.

There are 8 claims in this application, 2 of which are independent.

Basic filing fee	\$370
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REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e) TO TRANSFER  
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The Sequence Listing being filed herewith in the above-referenced divisional/continuation application, is identical with that filed in U.S. Serial No. 09/370,098, from which this present application claims priority.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in U.S. Serial No. 09/370,098 as the computer readable form for the instant application.

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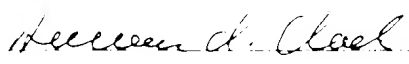
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